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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Vincent DE LAFORCADE et al.) Group Art Unit: 3776
Application No.: 10/619,612) Examiner: Robyn K. DOAN
Filed: July 16, 2003) Confirmation No.: 6532
For: APPLICATOR NOZZLE AND)
APPLICATOR ASSEMBLY)
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicant's undersigned attorney during the interview held January 24, 2011. An Interview Summary was mailed on January 25, 2011, indicating that Applicant must submit a Statement of the Substance of the Interview with Applicant's response to the pending Office Action, or otherwise within one month or 30 days, whichever is longer. Since the interview took place after Applicant filed the Amendment on December 20, 2010, the period for submitting a Statement of the Substance of the Interview extends to February 25, 2011.

In response to the Interview Summary, Applicant confirms that the Substance of Interview set forth in the Interview Summary appears to be accurate. During the

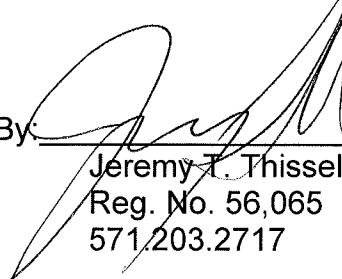
interview, Applicant's attorney presented arguments consistent with the Amendment submitted on December 20, 2010. For example, Applicant's attorney discussed, with the Examiner, the difference between the newly added limitations in claims 1, 39, and 62 and the prior art of record. Applicant's attorney explained that paragraph 25 of the translated Furusawa reference recites that the deepest groove portion extends further inside the innerwall surface of the channel, and that, therefore, the deepest part of the groove cannot be in "substantial alignment" with the inner wall surface, as required by independent claims 1, 39, and 62.

The Examiner indicated that, when reviewing the Amendment, she will have to consider the term "substantially alignment" in terms of its scope and distinguishability over the prior art.

Please grant any extension of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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